

# GOD IS OUR FRIEND

## UNTIL IT'S RIGHT

### LESSON POINTS

#### Bible Story | God Uses a Donkey Numbers 22:1-34

- King Balak was about to fight a war.
- Balak asked the prophet Balaam to come and curse the enemy.
- When Balaam asked God if he should go and do what Balak asked, God said, "No."
- When Balak heard that Balaam wouldn't do what he wanted, he begged Balaam over and over to do it.
- Finally Balaam agreed to go.
- God tried many ways to get Balaam to not go and curse the enemy.
- God sent an angel, but Balaam would not pay attention to the angel.
- God then started talking through Balaam's donkey.
- Because God was Balaam's friend, He went to great lengths to get him to do what was right.

### MINISTRY IDEA

#### Prophetic Words

Ask some leaders to pray before and during service for prophetic words in season to give to encourage the children.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did God not want Balaam to curse Balak's enemy?
2. Why did Balaam agree to do what Balak wanted?
3. What do you think Balaam was thinking when the donkey was talking to him?
4. Tell of a time when you almost did something bad, but God helped you do the right thing.

### DRAMA SYNOPSIS #96

Samantha is about to do something that is really bad but doesn't realize it. Her friends at the Clubhouse find out how wrong it is and keep at Samantha until she changes her mind.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

#### Pop the Memory Verse

Start by writing out different words of the memory verse onto slips of paper. Then, fill balloons and stick one slip of paper into each balloon, so that one word of the memory verse is in each blown-up balloon. Give the children the balloons and time them on how fast they can pop all of the balloons, pull out the slip of paper, unscramble the words, put the memory verse together, and say it to you. This can also be done in two teams and let the children race to see who can complete the memory verse first.

#### Jesus Says

Play a Christian version of Simon Says. Use "Jesus Says" instead of "Simon Says." Leader will ask the children to perform certain tasks while they do their best to obey what he/she wants them to do.

### LESSON OBJECTIVE

Children will learn that God is our Friend, and He will go to great lengths to help them do the right thing.

### LIFE APPLICATION

Through learning that God is our Friend, children will see that God gives us many chances to do what is right.

### MEMORY VERSE

But I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father.  
John 15:15b